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1. A medication administration method employing a medication reminder device comprising:
    - turning the medication reminder device on;
    - entering a code that provides access to a recording function;
    - recording an oral message in the medication reminder device that identifies a medication and the dosage to be taken;
    - entering a time schedule in the medication reminder device for taking a medication;
    - saving the oral message and the time schedule;
    - generating a signal to alert an individual that it is time to take a medication; and
    - playing the recorded oral message upon activation of the medication reminder device by pressing a play button.
  2. A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including: recording a second oral message in the medical reminder device that identifies a second medication and the dosage to be taken; entering a second time schedule in the medication reminder device; saving the second oral message and the second time schedule; and playing the second recorded oral message upon activation of the medication reminder device by pressing the play button following the beginning of a time period for taking the second medication.

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3. A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including: recording a warning message instructing a person of the action to be taken when an identified medication is not taken within a predetermined time period following a schedule time for taking the identified medication; playing a warning message when the oral message relating to the identified medication is not played within a predetermined time period.

4. A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including:

changing a current month, date and time display by the medication reminder device to a future period;

playing the messages recorded for the future period; and

changing the month, date and time to the current month, date and time.

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A1 } 5. A method of reminding a person of future actions to be taken employing a reminder device comprising:

turning the reminder device on;  
entering a code that provides access to a recording function;

recording an oral reminder message in the reminder device;

entering a time schedule in the reminder device for the times in which the person is to listen to the recorded message;

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saving the oral reminder message and the time  
schedule;

generating a signal to alert the person that it  
is time to listen to the oral reminder message; and  
playing the recorded oral message upon  
activation of the reminder device by pressing a play  
button.

6. A method of reminding a person of future  
actions to be taken employing a reminder device as set  
forth in claim 5 including:

changing a current month, date and time  
displayed by the reminder device to a future period;

playing the oral reminder message in the  
reminder device that is to be played during the future  
period; and

changing the future period to the current  
month, date and time.

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